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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO MAYOR MENDIOLA'S LETTER OF AUG 28 RE
THE LAND SURVEYS ON TINIAN

PASS TO STATUS LNO BERGESEN

STATUS LNO PLEASE SEND FOLLOWING TO MAYOR MENDIOLA ON TINIAN.

QUOTE. DEAR MR. MAYOR,

AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS HAS ASKED ME AS HIS REPRESENTATIVE IN
THE TTPI ON STATUS MATTERS TO RESPOND TO YOUR LETTER OF
AUGUST 28 REGARDING U.S. MILITARY LAND REQUIREMENTS ON TINIAN
IN ADDITION TO THOSE ALREADY HELD AS MILITARY RETENTION LAND.

FIRST, THE AMBASSADOR WISHES YOU TO KNOW THAT HE IS BY NO
MEANS UNCONCERNED OR DISINTERESTED IN THE PETITION TO WHICH
YOUR LETTER REFERS. HE TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE
OF TINIAN DURING THE PUBLIC MEETING LAST MAY THAT HE DID NOT
REFUSE TO ACCEPT YOUR PETITION. ON THE CONTRARY, HE ONLY
ASKED THAT IT BE REFERRED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE TO THE MEMBERS
OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AS A MATTER UNDER
THEIR COGNIZANCE AND FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION SINCE THEY REPRESENT
THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS IN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. IN
THIS REGARD THE AMBASSADOR IS CONFIDENT THAT THE MPSC AND MDL
WILL GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO THIS AND OTHER PETITIONS OR

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PROCLAMATIONS AS WELL AS TO ALL SUBSEQUENT MANIFESTATIONS

OF LOCAL OPINION AS THEY RELATE TO THE STATUS QUESTION.

AS REGARDS THE TINIAN LAND SURVEY ITSELF, THE AMBASSADOR
NOTES THAT THIS IS PROCEEDING AS PLANNED AND IN FULL ACCOR-
DANCE WITH AGREEMENTS REACHED WITH THE MPSC AND THAT IT IS
HIS HOPE THAT THE FINAL RESOLUTION OF LAND ISSUES INVOL-
VING THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN A SPIRIT
OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION.

PLEASE ACCEPT THE AMBASSADOR'S BEST WISHES AND HIS
ADMIRATION FOR YOUR OBVIOUS CONCERN FOR THE INTERESTS OF
YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS. A.E. BERGESEN. END QUOTE. KISSINGER.
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